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SUBJECT: ROC AND SECTION 32 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT

REFS A. STATE 154204 B. STATE 151977

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1. POLCOUNS CALLED ON KUAN, DIRECTOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS,
MOFA PER REF A, PROVIDING TEXT OF SECTION 32
AND MAKING REPRESENTATIONS PER LANGUAGE CONTAINEDD PARA 4,
REF C. KUAN ASKED FOR DEFINITION OF "POLITICAL PRISONERS",
WAS TOLD THAT AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE LEGISLATION DID NOT
CONTAIN EXPLICIT DEFINITION. HE ASKED WHETHER LANGUAGE
WAS APPLICABLE TO FMS CREDIT AS WELL AS GRANT MILITARY
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AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND WAS TOLD THAT IN DEPT'S VIEW

SSECTION 32 WOULD APPLY TO FMS CREDITS. HE ASKED NO FURTHER QUESTIONS BUT OBSERVED THAT APPLICABILITY NECESSARILY WOULD DEPEND UPON HOW BROADLY OR NARROWLY "POLITICAL PRISONERS" WAS DEFINED.

2. EMBASSY IS OF THE VIEW THAT BY ANY REASONABLE TEST ROC DOES IN FACT INTERN AND IMPRISON CITIZENS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF "REFORMING" POLITICAL VIEWS. TREND IS DOWNWARD, HOWEVER, AND ONLY SMALL NUMBERS ARE AFFECTED. SUBJECT HAS BEEN AMPLY REPORTED OVER THE YEARS AND FULL DOCUMENTATION SHOULD BE AVAILABLE WITHIN INR.

3. FULL DETAILS OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN ROC AVAILABLE IN EA/ROC. EXCEPT FOR A HALF MILLION DOLLAR TRAINING PROGRAM, OPERATED IN LARGE PART FOR PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING US INFLUENCE WITH RISING MILITARY JUNIOR OFFICERS, ALL OF OUR PROGRAM IS FMS. SEE TAIPEI 3962 FOR FULL DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM CONTEMPLATED FOR FY 75.

4. TERNINATION OF FMS CREDIT PROGRAM, MUCH OF WHICH (SUCH AS SUPPORT FOR F5E CO-PRODUCTION/CO-ASSEMBLY) FLOWS FROM GOVT TO GOVT MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND REPRESENTS A US QUID FOR AN ROC QUO, WOULD BE SEEN AS WELSHING ON US COMMITMENTS IN MANNER WHICH SERIOUSLY DEGRADES ROC ABAILITY TO DEFEND ITSELF. AS SUCH IT WOULDLD AFFECT MOST BASIC US-ROC RELATIONS AND POSSIBLY INTERNAL POLITICALSTABILITY AS WELL.
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